



## **COLON CFR**

### **PURPOSE:**

Build an infrastructure to facilitate multi-disciplinary, collaborative research on the causes, prevention, and treatment of colorectal cancer



# **CENTERS**

## **Australia Consortium**

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## **Cancer Care Ontario, Canada**

PI: Steve Gallinger

## **Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Seattle**

PI: John Potter

## **Mayo Clinic**

PI: Laney Lindor

## **Cancer Research Center of Hawaii**

PI: Loic LeMarchand

## **USC Consortium**

PI: Robert Haile

Co-PI: John Baron



## CORE DATA ITEMS

- Pedigree
- Blood sample (including ficoll-separated lymphocytes-cell lines)
- Risk factor questionnaire
- Food frequency Questionnaire (most centers)
- Tumor blocks and path reports for cases
- Fresh Frozen Tissue on 300 cases



# COLON CFR DATA COLLECTION TO DATE

- # Population-based probands; 10,786
- # Clinic-based probands; 843
  - Amsterdam1 = 508
  - Amsterdam2 = 635
  - Bethesda = 3,934
- #Risk factor questionnaires; 34,783
- # Blood samples collected; 20,120
- #Subjects with tissue blocks collected; 4,490



# MAJOR RESEARCH AREAS

- ✉ Etiological Research
- ✉ Clinical Research  
(Molecular Profiles)
- ✉ Behavioral Research
- ✉ Prevention Trials

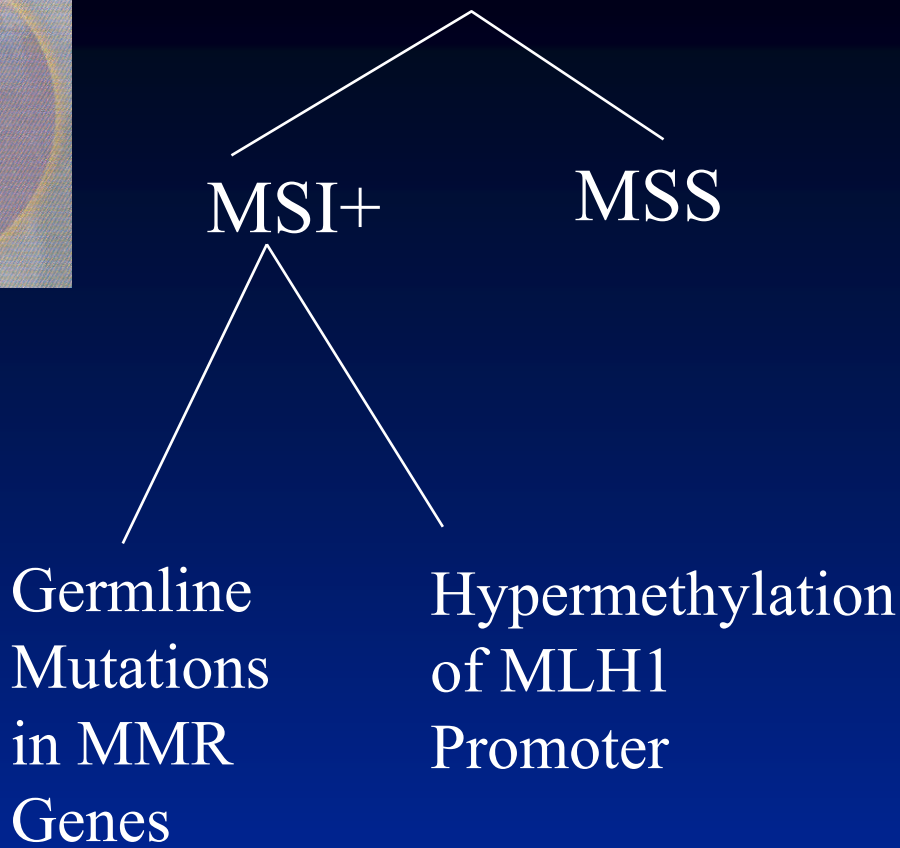


MSI (n = 5,417)

MSI-H    MSI-L    MSS

Studies of Risk Factors  
(genes, environment, pathology)

Clinical Prognosis  
And Response to  
Treatment



dHPLC screening + seq. + GMP/MLPA  
Methylight

- all clinic-based probands
  - all population-based MSI-H, MSI-L
  - 100 population-based MSS
- n = 1900 probands



dHPLC + seq. + GMP/MLPA  
Methylight

Mutation  
Carriers

*MLH1*  
Hypermethylated

“normal”  
sequence





# Combination of Selected Variables

Family History +

MSI +

IHC +

MMR Mutation Data +

hMLH1 Methylation

On = 2,000 Families



## Carrier Prediction:

P (MMR Mutation | Family History)

P (MMR Mutation | MSI)

Sensitivity 96% - 100%

Specificity 60% - 22%

P (MMR Mutation | IHC)

Sensitivity 90% - 100%

Specificity 85% - 98%

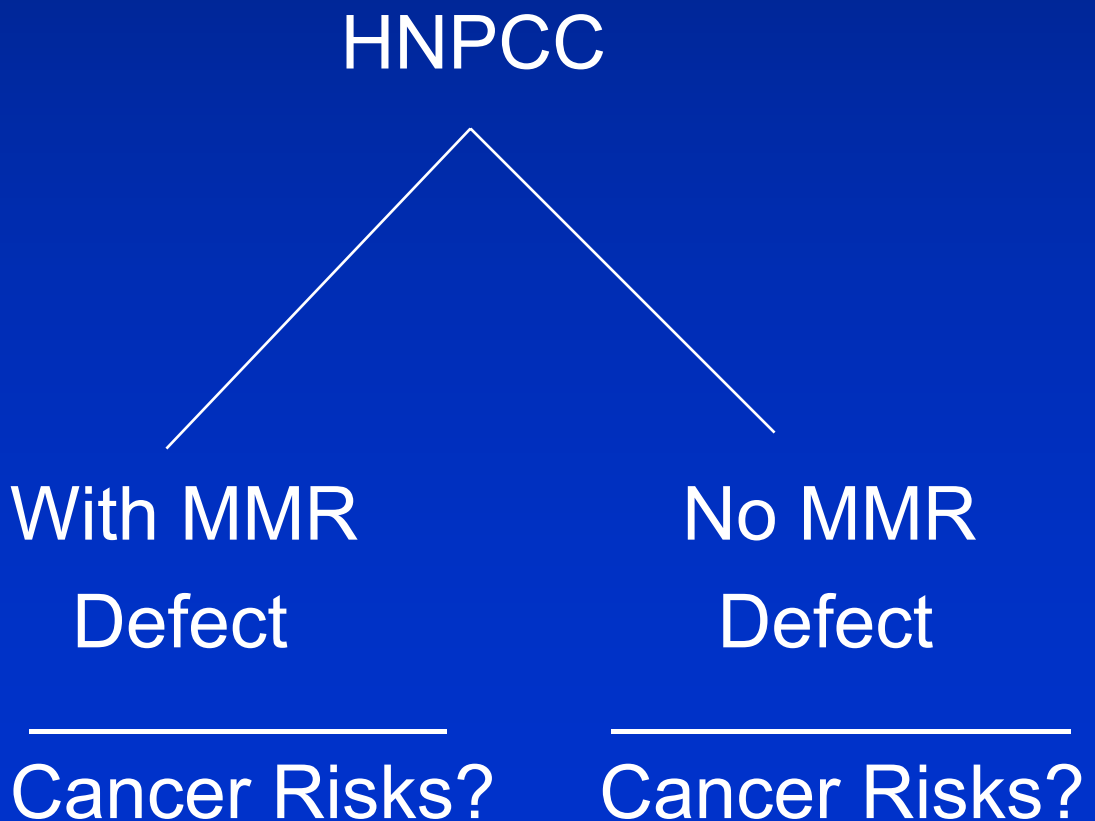
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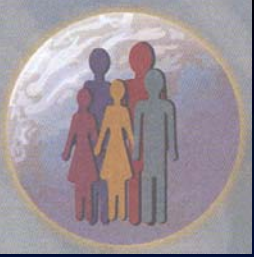
Algorithms to select subjects for genetic tests



# HNPPC

- Defined by Family History
- Defined by MMR defect





# DHPLC + seq. + GMP/MLPA Methylight

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**Gene  
characterization**

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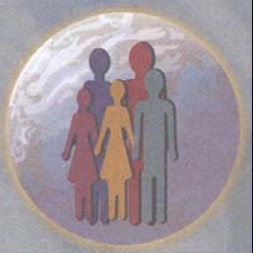
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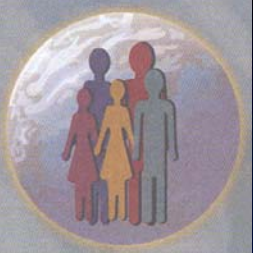
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# Gene Mapping

- Sib pairs (genome-wide scan)
- Finer mapping/positional cloning
- Sib pairs – TGFB (with Dr. Boris Pasche)



# Gene Mapping

- Comparative genome hybridization
  - conventional CGH
  - germline CGH
- Proteomics
- Fresh Frozen and Paraffin-Embedded Tissue





# Candidate Genes

- Focus on pathways not simple polymorphisms in a single gene
  - NSAIDs
  - Folate, vitamin D, calcium
  - Obesity, metabolic syndrome, IGF
  - Lipid peroxidation
  - HCAs, PAHs, nitrosamines



# GENOME-WIDE ASSOCIATION STUDIES

(Complement candidate gene studies)

**1. ARCTIC**

**2. CFR-Wide GWAS**

## 2005 Design:

### Ontario CFR

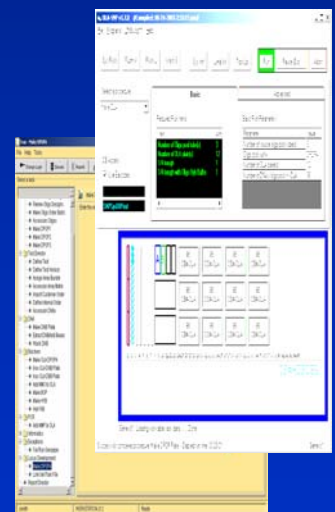
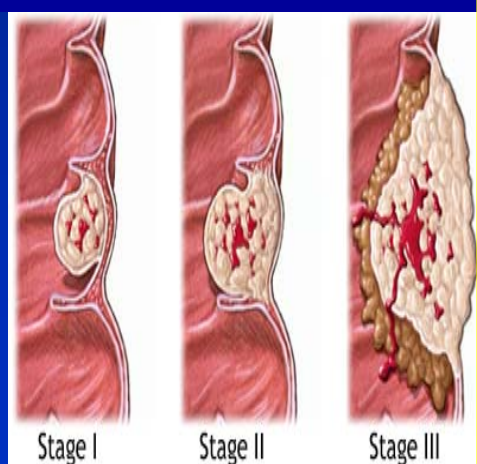
- 1200 Cases
- 1200 Controls
- 1.4 billion genotypes

### Validation Phase

- 1200 Cases
- 1200 Controls
- ~1500 SNPs

### Output

- Predictors of Disease
- Disease prevention
- ARCTIC kits





# Colon CFR-wide Genome-wide Association Study (GWAS)

- Multiple stages (take advantage of family-based CFR resource)
- Environmental/lifestyle data
  - probably relevant for common variant/common disease model
  - when and how to incorporate into analyses?



# Epigenetic Epidemiology

- LOI of IGF2
  - ♦ very prevalent, especially in MSI-H cases
  - ♦ detectable in blood

## Goals:

- ♦ Confirm prevalence
- ♦ Estimate RR
- ♦ Assess familial aggregation of LOI

- DNA methylation
  - ♦ MLH1 (2,469 samples completed)
  - ♦ CIMP (4,943 samples pending)



# **Behavioral Research**

## **(examples)**

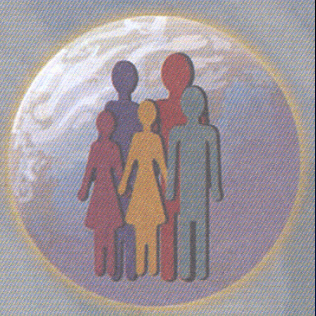
- Increase compliance with screening guidelines
- Patterns of knowledge and communication within families (heterogeneity by SES, ethnicity, health plans)



# Clinical Research

Theme: molecular profiles ...

- 1) MSI status and prognosis
- 2) Specific genes linked to specific treatments (e.g. TS and 5FU)



PENDING

MSI

TORONTO





## **Planned R01 (P.I. Neli Ulrich)**

The specific aims of this proposal are:

- 1) To evaluate whether prognosis after stage I-III colorectal cancer (survival and recurrence) is related to folate status/DNA repair capacity of the cancer patient and the tumor.
  - a. Folate intake
  - b. Gene expression of Folate-metabolizing enzymes or DNA repair enzymes
  - c. Polymorphisms in folate-metabolizing genes or DNA repair genes
- 2) To evaluate whether treatment outcomes after 5-FU (colon cancer patients stages II & III) or radiation therapy (rectal cancer patients stages II & III) differ by
  - a. Folate intake
  - b. Polymorphisms in folate-metabolizing enzymes or DNA repair enzymes
  - c. Gene expression of folate-metabolizing enzymes
  - d. MSI or CIMP status



# Possible CFR Prevention Trial

Need Collaborators for HNPPCC Focus

- CFR
- INSIGHT
- CGA
- CAPP Consortium
- ?CGN
- ?Other centers (Creighton, etc)



# Possible CFR Prevention Trial

## Possible Agents

- Aspirin
- Other NSAID
- Calcium ( $\pm$  Vitamin D)
- Statin



# Minority Populations

## ***Epidemiologic Research on Ethnic/Racial Minorities in the Colon CFR (P.I. L. LeMarchand)***

Focus: African Americans and Japanese Americans

### Motivation:

- Japanese Americans and African Americans have a substantially elevated risk of CRC
- African-Americans have a shorter, stage-adjusted survival than white cases

### Goals:

1, 514 African American families  
745 Japanese American families

### Core Data:

Environmental/lifestyle variables in Colon CFR  
Extensive genotyping (see poster)

# Location of Newfoundland





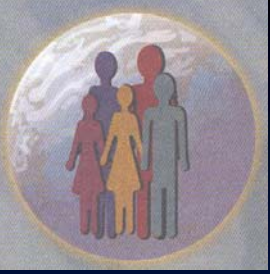
# Newfoundland Population

- Population ~ 500,000
- Large families (until recently)
- Genetically isolated populations have proven to be a useful resource in discovering disease genes
- The Newfoundland Population is one of the very few North American populations that falls into this category
- The availability of good archival and medical records and the receptive and cooperative nature of the people have also contributed to numerous important human genetic discoveries
- 739 probands already enrolled









# Reasons to consider the conduct of genetic-epidemiology studies of the Galician population







# **Advantages of the Galician Population for Conducting Genetic Epidemiological Studies: Relevance to Planned Initiatives**

- 1. Genetic homogeneity of the Galician population**
- 2. Galician population's migration history to Latin America**
- 3. Galician organizations existing in several countries in Latin America where Galician communities can be identified**
- 4. Excellent infrastructure in place to support studies**



# Infrastructure

1. The relatively large families in the generations we will study
2. Relatives of probands often live in the same household or town, and almost always in the same region – very cooperative
3. A centralized and universal health care system that should result in nearly complete case finding and virtually 100% retrieval of medical records
  - Unique health ID# for each inhabitant of Galicia
  - Very supportive clinicians/scientists



## Future Plan

# Cohort Study of MMR Mutation Carriers

1. Expand existing families
2. Recruit more families from within the Colon CFR
3. Collaborate with other groups  
e.g. **The UK CAPP2 (Colorectal Adenoma/Carcinoma Prevention Programme) Cohort**

### **CAPP2 Details:**

Principal Investigator: Professor John Burn,  
University of Newcastle, UK

Co-Investigators include:

Tim Bishop (Leeds, UK; Role: Statistics)

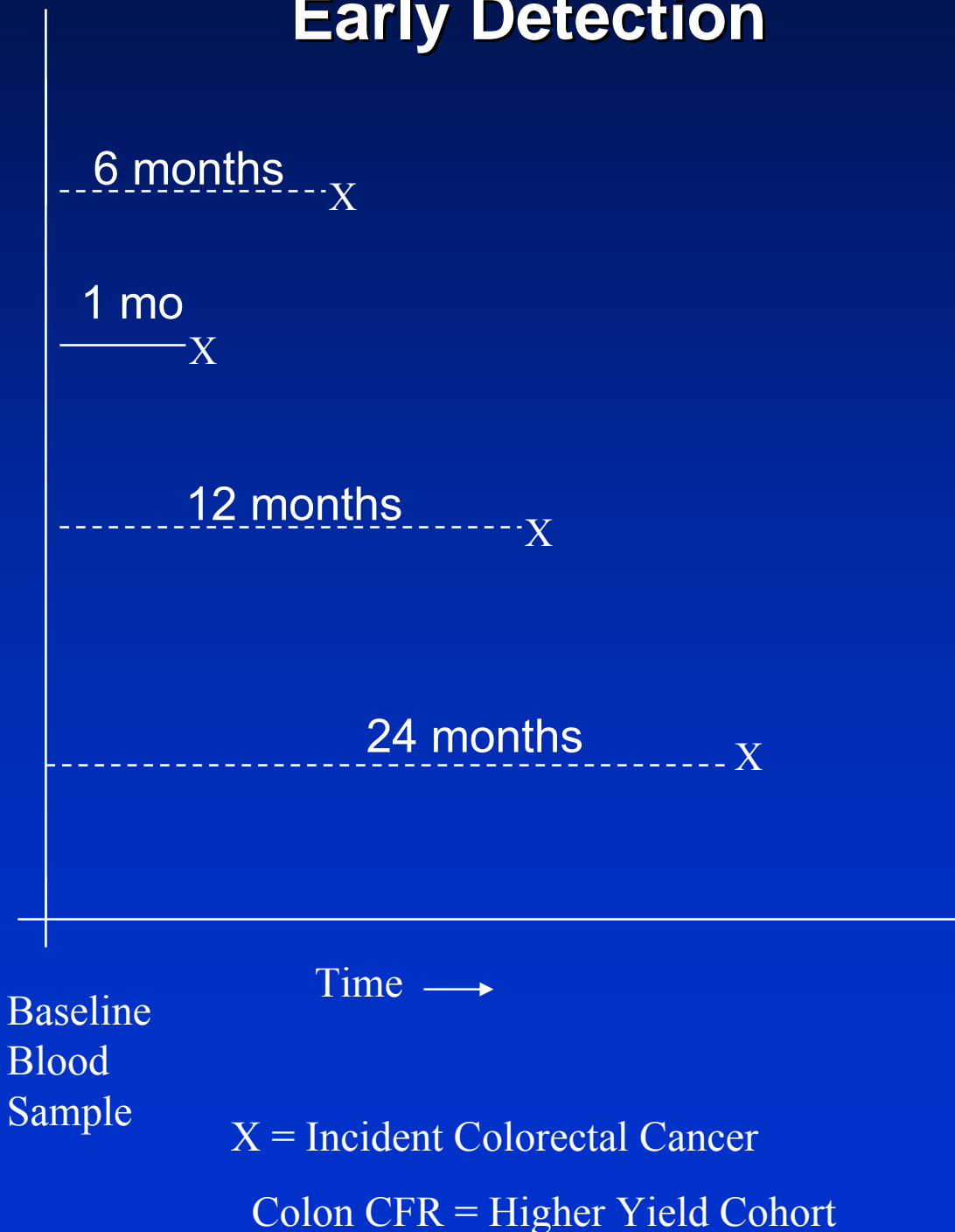
John Mathers (Newcastle, UK; Role: Nutrition,  
Study Design)

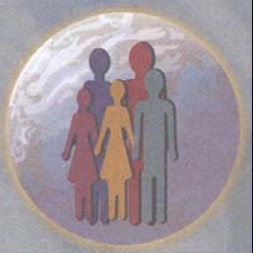
n = 1000 mutation carriers



# Research Potential To Be Realized

## Early Detection





# Summary of Colon CFR Studies

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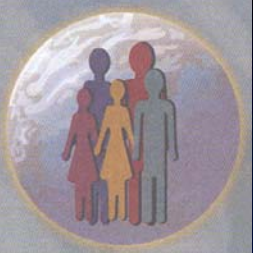
(P.I. S. Gallinger, National Cancer Institute of Canada)

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Yanfei Xu – Northwestern

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Michelle McGreevy – Cleveland Clinic

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Sir Paul Doria Rose – Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center

Brenda Diergaarde – Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center

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Pam Sinicrope – Mayo Clinic

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# Collaborative Studies (Beyond Original CFR Centers)

<u>P.I.</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Title</u>
Boland	Baylor University	Using CFR Resources to Study HNPCC
Feinberg Haile	Johns Hopkins	A Molecular Epidemiology Study of Loss of Imprinting
Frazier	U. of Texas	Genetic Modifiers of Hereditary Nonpolyposis Colorectal Cancer
Kohut	Sarah Lawrence/ Mt Sinai Hospital	Duty to Warn Family about an HNPCC Mutation
Madlensky	UCSD	Health Behaviors and Family History of Colorectal Cancer
Parmagiani	Johns Hopkins	Validation of the CRCAPRO Carrier Probability Model
Pasche	Northwestern	Polymorphisms of the TGF- $\beta$ Signaling Pathway and Colorectal Cancer Risk
Scheuner	Ctr Dis Ctr & Prev	Clinical Validity Study of Colon Cancer Family History
Siciliano	U. of Texas	MSI in Putatively Stable HNPCC Families





You are invited to  
Collaborate . . .



# Collaborating is fun!

